



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 232**

January Session, 2017

House Bill No. 7156

*House of Representatives, March 27, 2017*

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS FOR CERTAIN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTHS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 10-253 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2017*):

4 (f) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes,  
5 educational services shall be provided by each local and regional  
6 board of education to homeless children and youths in accordance  
7 with the provisions of 42 USC 11431, et seq., as amended from time to  
8 time. An unaccompanied youth, as described in 42 USC 11434a, as  
9 amended from time to time, shall be entitled to knowledge of and have  
10 access to all educational, medical or similar records in the cumulative  
11 record of such unaccompanied youth maintained by a local or regional  
12 board of education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-253(f)
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**ED***Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill allows any homeless student, who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, with full access to his or her educational records, including medical records, in the board's possession. This is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact as the change is procedural in nature.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****HB 7156*****AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS FOR CERTAIN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTHS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires local and regional boards of education to provide any homeless student, who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, with full access to his or her educational records, including medical records, in the board's possession. The bill specifically references federal education law that defines "unaccompanied youth" to include a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian (42 USC § 11434a).

By state and federal law, the parents or guardians of a student under age 18 have access to any school record for that student. Only students (1) over age 18 or (2) who are emancipated have rights as adults regarding record access.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2017

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34      Nay 0      (03/08/2017)